



## March 2023



### Upcoming International Events

[NEW EWA FREE Webinar: Tallinn - The Green Capital of Europe – from Water Perspective](#)

Online  
22 March 2023

[EWA/VLARIO Spring Conference: Urban Water Management: Challenges, Innovation and EU Requirement versus local needs and possibilities](#)

Antwerp, Belgium  
11 May 2023

[WEF/IWA Residuals and Biosolids Conference 2023](#)

Charlotte, NC, USA  
16-19 May 2023

## What's New at SHUKALB

**We're Getting Ready to Celebrate World Water Day!**



The celebration of World Water Day (WWD) has become a tradition for SHUKALB and its member water and wastewater utilities, as a unique opportunity to draw attention and create momentum that compels government, civil society, and individuals to take action.

World Water Day is a Program of United Nations, celebrated every year on 22 March, aiming to focus the attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Each year, World Water

**Join Us!**

Day highlights a specific aspect of water, and the theme chosen from UN for this year is “Accelerating Change”. [read more](#)

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## Training and Capacity Development Programs

### SHUKALB Opens the Registrations for Capacity Development Programs During 2023!



SHUKALB is ready to start its Capacity Development Programs for 2023. These topics have been indicated by the water utilities, during a Training Needs Assessment conducted by SHUKALB in the beginning of the year.

Find more specific information about each program and details about registrations in the below Calendar.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THEIR ROLE IN DECISION MAKING

**16-17 March 2023, Tirana**

Financial reporting is essential to the decision-making process and also an important element of the credibility of investors and other stakeholders during the decision-making process regarding the entity. [read more](#)

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## News From Our Members

### Taking Action: Himara Water Supply and Sewerage Company Launches Door-to-Door ‘Refresh Your Data’ Initiative for the Community



Himara Water Supply and Sewerage Company (Himara WSSC) has initiated an important process to improve its Customer Relationship Management with the aim of increasing its

Tell us what you think!



## About SHUKALB

The Water Supply and Sewerage Association of Albania (SHUKALB), which was established in 2000, is a professional, not-for-profit Association of water supply and sewerage professionals, who wish to improve the management of the Water Supply and Sewerage Sector in Albania, making it efficient, sustainable and effective in accordance with the current laws and regulations in Albania.

performance, supported by institutional consultancy within the social measures of the Rural Water Supply Program IV.

As part of its daily work and with the aim of guaranteeing a high standard toward its customers, Himara WSSC began implementing the “Refresh Data – Water Bill #UKHimarë” initiative in December 2022. The company provides its services in the areas of supplying potable water and collecting and treating wastewater to 6,647 households, private and public consumers in the Municipality of Himara. [read more](#)

### **Cerrik Water Supply and Sewerage Company: Reconstruction of the Pumping Station “Objekti 97”**



Cerrik Water Supply and Sewerage Company (Cerrik WSSC) has recently completed the reconstruction of the pumping station “Objekti 97”, an investment financed by the German Government through GIZ Albania. As of July 2022, Cerrik WSSC is part of Elbasan Regional Water Supply and Sewerage Company.

The pumping station “Objeti 97” was built around the 1950s in order to supply water to Thermal Power Plant and the Oil Refinery Plant, while today it is used as an intermediate station, where there are 2 reservoirs of 1,000 m<sup>3</sup> each which are supplied through wells. Today the station serves to supply the villages of Shala and Xibrake. [read more](#)

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## **Other**

### **SHUKALB Planning to Be Represented at UN 2023 Water Conference, 22 — 24 Mar 2023, New York**



**UN 2023 Water Conference**  
22 – 24 Mar 2023, New York

Water is a fundamental part of all aspects of life. Water is inextricably linked to the three pillars of sustainable development, and it integrates social, cultural, economic and political values. It is crosscutting and supports the achievement of many SDGs through close linkages with climate, energy, cities, the environment, food security, poverty, gender equality and health, amongst others. With climate change profoundly affecting our economies, societies and environment, water is indeed the biggest deal breaker to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Conference, co-hosted by the Governments of Tajikistan and the Netherlands, will feature an opening and closing ceremony, six plenary meetings and five multi-stakeholder interactive dialogues. It will also feature a number of high-level special events and side events organized by Member States, the UN system and other stakeholders. [read more](#)

### **Revised Regulation – Renewed Challenges: Prof. Asoc. Enkelejda Gjinali addresses the perspective of an EU candidate country at the KnowNow Webinar on the Urban Wastewater Directive**



Three decades after the introduction of the European Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive, a large-scale revision is now approaching the finish line. It brings answers to challenges and threats that either weren't there or weren't recognized 30 years ago.

Originally born out of improvised digital responses during the Covid crisis, the Danube Water Program's KnowNow webinars have found a sizeable fan base and are now a staple in the information menu of water service sector professionals everywhere in the region. They give very compressed 75-minute rundowns on burning current topics, usually in the format of a presentation plus panel discussion with questions from the audience included in the exchange. [read more](#)

### **The upcoming Danube Water Conference opens Call for Submissions**



The upcoming 2023 Danube Water Conference themed "Navigating changing waters" will be held in Vienna, Austria, on 31 May – 2 June, 2023. This year, the conference organizers invite

an even broader audience and encourage the submission of an Outline Paper to present either a platform or poster presentation. For further details on the Call for Submissions and Registration, please refer to the [Event's page](#).

Registration opens from 15 March to 15 May. Make sure to reserve your spot by completing the online registration on the [Event's page](#) in a timely manner. Please consult the "How to register guide" for further details. The guide will be available on the website as soon as registration opens.

## **9<sup>th</sup> IAHR Gerhard Jirka Summer School on Environmental Fluid Mechanics, 28 August-1 September**

A signature [IAHR](#) event founded and energized by the late [Professor Gerhard Jirka](#) bringing together renowned experts and top graduate students from around the world for a unique, interactive learning experience in environmental fluid mechanics.

### [Combining theory, experiments and practical applications](#)

A central objective of the School has always been to combine theory, experiments and applications, with an emphasis on basic theoretical principles (and their mathematical description) as well as consideration of examples of engineering design and environmental applications. This objective is achieved through formal, in-class lectures as well as informal, out of class excursions and visits. In the School, the students have plenty of opportunities to present their own research projects and to discuss and seek advice on these projects from Lecturers and fellow students.

**Apply by 31 March 2023!**

The course is intended for upper level or postgraduate students (M.Sc. or Ph.D. candidates); engineers and scientists in industry, government or research institutions involved in environmental engineering, planning or impact prediction.

A prerequisite for attendance is a first degree or diploma in either civil, environmental, mechanical, or chemical engineering, engineering science or an equivalent qualification in a cognate discipline.

Apply by sending your CV and a short motivation letter to [gjss-2023@tu-braunschweig.de](mailto:gjss-2023@tu-braunschweig.de)

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